

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Method for searching a database to obtain an object that is related to an indicated object in a document, comprising:

(a) automatically creating a query directly from the indicated object, the query having a data structure that is recognizable by a search engine for the database, wherein the query is created by selecting a nearest word to the indicated object without having a user make a selection for the query in a separate document;

(b) providing the query to the search engine, the search engine searching the database for at least one object that is related to the indicated object;

(c) returning the result from the query of the database, the result indicating when at least one object is related to the indicated object; and

(d) producing a display of a related object, so that the related object may be associated with the indicated object.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the indicated object and the related object include data, the data comprising video, picture, sound, and text.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

(([a])e)enabling a qualification engine to determine a context of the indicated object;
and

(([b])f)employing the context of the indicated object to automatically create the query for the database.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:

(([a])e)indicating the related object is to be purchased over a network; and

(((b))) providing financial information to an electronic commerce service over the network, the electronic commerce service enabling the purchase of the related object when the financial information is complete.

5. (Currently Amended) Method for obtaining an image from a database for insertion into a document, the image being related to an indicated text, comprising:

(a) enabling an automatic creation of a query directly from the indicated text, the query having a data structure that is recognizable by a search engine for the database, wherein the indicated text comprises a selection by a user from a predetermined number of words determined for their proximity to an indicated object and the query is created without having a the user make a selection for the query in a separate document;

(b) providing the query to the search engine, the search engine searching the database for an image that is related to the indicated text;

(c) returning the result from the query of the database, the result indicating when at least one image is related to the indicated text;

(d) enabling the display of at least one image indicated by the result from the query, a displayed image being selectable for insertion into the document; and

(e) displaying a related image that is inserted into the document, so that the related image is associated with the indicated text in the document.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5, further comprising employing a user interface component to automatically create the query for the database, the creation of the query being related to the indicated text.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein the user interface component enables the indicated text to be edited.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein the user interface component enables the indicated text to be chosen in the document.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 8, further comprising choosing the indicated text in the document for the query of the database from within an application program that provides the document.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, further comprising choosing a command to create the query for the indicated text, the command including an indication in a context menu, drop-down menu, pop-up window, dialogue box, toolbar and hot key.

11. (Previously amended) The method of Claim 8, further comprising choosing the indicated text in the document for the query of the database from an application program that is separate from another application program that provides the document.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 5, further comprising enabling the indicated text to be chosen in another application program that does not provide the document, including a clipboard program.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 6, further comprising:

(([a])f) enabling a qualification engine to determine a context of the indicated text within the document; and

(([b])g) providing the context of the indicated text to the user interface component, the user interface component employing the context of the indicated text to automatically create the query for the database.

24. (Previously amended) The method of Claim 21, wherein a navigation component enables the display of a group of related images in a slide show, the group of related images being indicated in the result from the query.

25. (Previously amended) The method of Claim 24, wherein the navigation component enables another group of related images to be displayed in the slide show, the other group of related images being indicated in the result from the query.

26. (Previously amended) The method of Claim 24, wherein the navigation component includes a control for determining a period of time that each related image is displayed in the slide show.

27. (Previously amended) The method of Claim 24, wherein the navigation component includes a control for indicating the number of the related images in the group that is currently displayed in the slide show.

28. (Previously amended) The method of Claim 25, wherein the navigation component includes a control for, indicating each group of related images that are currently displayed in the slide show.

29. (Original) The method of Claim 5, further comprising enabling a help facility to provide an explanation of a chosen topic and the help facility being launched in response to an input.

30. (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein the display of at least one related image further comprises displaying a thumbnail of the related image.

31. (Original) The method of Claim 5, further comprises including a digital watermark with the related image, the digital watermark including information related to the content of the related image.

(d) a component for enabling the display of at least one related image indicated by the result from the query, the display of the related image being selectable for insertion into the document; and

(e) a component for displaying the related image that is inserted into the document, so that the related image is associated with the indicated text in the document.

51. (Currently Amended) Method for electronically purchasing an image over a network, comprising:

(a) automatically creating a query related to an indicated object, the query having a data structure that is recognizable by a search engine for the database, wherein the query is created by selecting a nearest word to the indicated object without having a user make a selection for the query in a separate document;

(b) providing the query to the search engine, the search engine searching the database for at least one image that is related to the indicated object;

(c) returning the result from the query of the database, the result indicating when at least one image is related to the indicated object;

(d) indicating a related image is to be purchased over the network, financial information being provided to an electronic commerce service that enables the purchase of the related image when the financial information is complete; and

(e) when the related image is purchased, enabling a display of the related image, so that the related image maybe associated with the indicated object.

52. (Original) The method of Claim 51, wherein the indicated object includes data, comprising video, picture, sound, and text.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 51, further comprising:

(((a)))f) enabling a qualification engine to determine a context of the indicated

(((b)))g)employing the context of the indicated object to automatically create the query for the database.